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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Takashi YONEYAMA, et al.

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DEFECT INSPECTION METHOD

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2009,  
the term for response to which expires on October 6, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 5-8,  
13-17, 19 and 23 are canceled; claims 9 and 18 are amended; and  
claims 2-4, 10-12, 20-22 and 24-26 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.